

Local Government Study Commission

June 8, 2016

Roll Call: Marilee Shockley, Alan Thompson, Sharon Schroeder, George Corn, Scott Boulanger

Minutes: George moved to approve the minutes from April 6th as written. Marilee seconded. All approved.

Election Discussion: 71% voted for three commissioners. Four year terms and partisan elections stayed the same. Perry called Alan today, so Alan expects we'll see an article in the newspaper in the next day or two. Alan thanked Sharon for taking the lead in getting the voter pamphlet put together and mailed. Sharon heard an inquiry over questioned if we had the summary of our finding printed in the newspaper. Yes, a short summary was published.

Transition Plan: Alan referred to the Montana Code 7-3-157 which states that we are responsible for making the transition plan. All commissioners running were informed that they may be running for a two year term of office. In 2018, all commissioners will run for office. On the first day of office they will draw lots for one 2 year term and two 4 year terms. Discussed the steps needed and what format to use to make the transition plan legal. We have 90 days to finalize the transition plan. George stated that he feels it is important to have our meetings published and invite public comment. Sharon felt it important to be sure to express the reason why the transition plan won't take place until 2018. The reason for this is so the current commissioners can all serve the term they were elected for. Regina already has the redistricting map completed for three districts. Sharon felt we probably need to make a certificate that explains the transition plan and also include the redistricted map as an exhibit. George asked if the last study commission had a transition plan and suggested that we could look back at that for a format. George said we should also add an introductory paragraph that states what the voters chose. Turned on the white board and wrote the transition plan.

General Business: Be sure to fill out mileage in a timely manner so our expenses will be final when we are ready to return our budget to the county. Sharon asked if when we are finished with the transition plan is that the end of our duties and if so, how do we dissolve. Alan read Montana Code. All committee members showed appreciation for the time each other has put into the study committee and the enjoyment felt in working together with mutual respect.

Upcoming Meeting: June 29th at 1:00pm

Adjournment: Marilee moved to adjourn at 2:55pm. Sharon seconded. All approved.